



USGS Support for TOPOFF2 “Dirty-Bomb” Exercise in Seattle, Washington

USGS scientists are providing critical behind-the-scenes support for the TOPOFF2 counter-terrorism exercise held in Seattle, Washington, May 12-17, 2003. The exercise involves a simulated detonation of a “dirty bomb” that spreads imaginary radiation from a location in South Seattle and is part of congressionally mandated effort to train emergency personnel in

conditions that may be encountered in a real terrorist event. USGS scientists provided high-resolution aerial imagery and coordinated the delivery of 35 geospatial datasets from city and county geographic information groups to NIMA officials as part of the ongoing *The National Map* implementation efforts in the Seattle–Tacoma area. Principal contacts and capabilities

of USGS biologic, geographic, geologic, and hydrologic offices in the Seattle area were provided to FEMA. USGS scientists have been invited by FEMA to participate in after-exercise assessments of successes and potential improvements of responses to the mock attack.

More Information About the TOPOFF2 Exercise

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More Information About *The National Map*

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Figure 1. Waterfront and downtown, Seattle, Washington